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An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Whitewater Rafting Allocation System

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12913, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

4. Conditions for holding allocations. Allocations are a privilege extended by the State for the use of a limited public resource. The department may suspend, revoke or reduce the number of allocations when it is advisable to do so for better management of the resource or for protection of public safety and welfare. An outfitter's allocations are subject to forfeiture or suspension by the department only if the outfitter fails to maintain the conditions of its license, ~~fails to continue using its allocations productively or fails to maintain a quality of service consistent with the public interest~~ for the protection of public safety.

SUMMARY

This bill changes the conditions under which a commercial whitewater outfitter's allocation for taking passengers on whitewater trips is subject to forfeiture or suspension by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It provides that such an allocation is subject to forfeiture or suspension by the department only if the outfitter fails to maintain the conditions of its license or for the protection of public safety.